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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE -- WRAPUP OF JUNE 20 EVENTS

1. FIRST DAY OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE OPENED WITH
PRILIMINARY, SEMI- PRIVATE SESSION OF DELEGATION
PRINCIPALS (ATTENDED BY KUBISCH AND JOVA) WHICH
PRODUCED FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. APPOINTMENT BY PERU OF GARCIA BEDOYA AS
PROVISIONAL CHARIMAN (PERMANENT CHAIRMAN WILL BE
ELECTED LATER),

B. ARRANGEMENT TO CALL ON PERUVIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER DE LA FLOR AT MIDDAY,

C. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORMAL OPENING SESSION AT
FIVE O' CLOCK TO INCLUDE A SPEECH BY PERUVIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER, A SPEECH BY GALO PLAZA AND A RESPONSE TO
THE WELCOMING ADDRESS BY PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER
SAPENA PASTOR IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE MOST SENIOR OF
THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING.
(THE OTHER BEING URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO,
WHO WAS SELECTED TO SPEAK AT CALL ON PRESIDENT TO
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TAKE PLACE AT NOON ON 21 ST.) IN ADDITION DELEGATES AGREED TO CONTINUE PREPARATORY MEETING TO CONSIDER RULES OF PROCEDURE ON FOLLOWING DAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 21, AND TO ELECT OFFICERS THAT DAY. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ALSO INCLUDES AN AGREEMENT TO LEAVE FRIDAY OPEN FOR GENERAL STATEMENTS BY ANY CHIEFS OF DELEGATION WHO MAY WISH TO MAKE THEM. AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TIME FOR GENERAL DEBATE WAS MADE PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE ARGENTINE DESIRE THAT ITS CHIEF OF DELEGATION MAKE A SPEECH ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT FOR AVOIDING LENGTHY REPETITION OF SPEECHES MADE PREVIOUSLY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR OTHER FORUMS WAS EVIDENT, AND THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME KIND OF CONSENSUS DEVELOPING THAT SPEECHES OUGHT TO BE KEPT BRIEF AND THAT THOSE WHO HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY MIGHT FOREGO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SPEECHES AT THIS JUNCTURE..

2. AT THE FIVE O' CLOCK FORMAL OPENING SESSION, PERU'S FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR MADE SPEECH ASSERTING ARCHAIC, COLD WAR NATURE OF INTER- AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND DEMANDING THOROUGH- GOING OVERHAUL OF SYSTEM TO INCLUDE SOME FORM OF NEW " EQUAL " RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEW, TWO COUNCIL SETUP, ONE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE OTHER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LOCATED IN SEPARATE LATIN AMERICAN CITIES. WITHIN THIS SETUP WOULD BE INSTITUTIONALIZED CECLA- TYPE MECHANISM FOR UNIFYING LATIN POSITIONS IN PREPARATION FOR INTER- AMERICAN DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

3. GALO PLAZA'S SPEECH WAS POSITIVE AND CANDID: HE STATED INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM HAD DONE MUCH GOOD AND IF CONSTRUCTIVELY REFORMED IN LIGHT OF CHANGING WORLD AND HEMISPHERIC CONDITIONS COULD DO MUCH MORE. HE SAW CRISIS IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U. S. AND LATIN AMERICA AS AT ROOT OF MALAISE REGARDING THE OAS AND HOPED CONFERENCE WOULD BE POTENTIAL TURNING POINT IN U. S.- LATIN RELATIONS WHERE A CONSENSUS BASED ON CONVERGENT INTERESTS OUGHT TO BE RE- ESTABLISHED.

4. SAPENA PASTOR MADE BRIEF, LOW- KEY RESPONSE
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SUGGESTING THAT OUT OF DIVERGENT OPINIONS COULD COME MUCH DISCUSSION AND EVENTUAL AGREEMENT AND THANKING PERUVIANS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY.

5. IN EARLIER CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER, DE LA FLOR WARMLY WELCOMED ALL DELEGATIONS IN SMALL MEETING ATTENDED BY A FEW MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.

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